

ABSTRACT

Systems and methods are described for defining groups of printers within an enterprise and collecting printer usage data therefrom. A program executes on a systems administration computer within the enterprise. Printer groups and/or the printers assigned to the printer groups may be created, added, removed, deleted or changed via a graphical user interface on the systems administration computer. Each individual printer collects printer usage data which may be collected from individual printers or groups of printers for analysis and printer management, including maintenance and consumables replacement.

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